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June 18, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2012, to amend existing service agreements related to public health emergency preparedness and response through June 30, 2017, with contract maximum obligations not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, per grant term, 100 percent funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will execute Amendment Number 8 to County Contract Number PH-000222 which extends the Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh for Realtime Outbreak Disease Surveillance (RODS) Laboratory services for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at a total maximum obligation of \$23,958, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments; 100 percent offset by forthcoming CDC Notice of Award Number 5U90TP000516-03 for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Amendment Number 8 will allow for the continuation of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) participation in the National Retail Drug Monitoring (NRDM) project. Under this agreement, the RODS Laboratory provides services regarding the NRDM, which enable local public health departments to access and analyze relevant data for the purpose of public health surveillance. Through these surveillance services, DPH is able to collect, analyze, and map daily over-the-counter medication sales to detect potential disease outbreaks throughout Los Angeles County.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors